Promotion of cadaver organ transplantation

*309. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "From the dead, the ultimate gift of life", which appeared in the Indian Express, dated the 25th June, 2001;

(b) if so, the names of organisations helping the movement of promotion of cadaver organ transplantation in the country; and

(c) whether any success has been achieved through this movement of cadaver organ donation in checking and putting an end to the illicit trade of taking organs from the poor and destitute?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An Organ Retrieval and Banking Organisation (ORBO) has been set up as a nodal coordinating centre at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi which will, *inter-alia*, also perform the function of educating and creating awareness for promotion of the movement of cadaver organ transplantation in the country. The registration of organisations involved in the promotion of cadaver organ transplantation is not envisaged under the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994. Therefore, the list of names of such organisations is not maintained by the Union Government.

(c) The Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 has since been adopted by all the States except Bihar and the three newly formed States, namely, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Uttaranchal and whereas the States of Andhra Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir have enacted their own Acts on similar lines. It is for the State Governments to ensure implementation of the said Act within their respective jurisdictions. The Director General of Health Services has been appointed as the Appropriate Authority under the said Act in respect of the Union Territories including the N.C.T. of Delhi.

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SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

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